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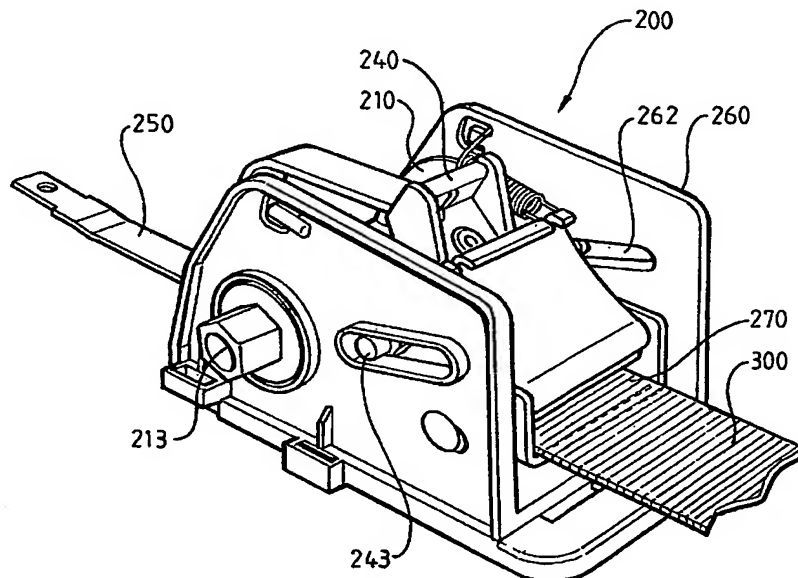
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(57) Abstract: A belt retraction mechanism (200) including a biased spool (210) having a belt (300) wound thereon, the spool (210) biased to retract the belt (300), a pawl and ratchet mechanism for preventing rotation of the spool (210) in a direction of retraction, a biased cam member having an engagement surface, the cam member biased to an engagement position wherein the engagement surface engages the belt (300) thereby preventing movement of the belt (300) and moveable to an open position, and an actuator (240) moveable between an open setting and a closed setting, wherein the actuator (240) is manually operable to the open setting to release the pawl and ratchet mechanism and furthermore cause the cam member to move from the engagement position to the open position, thereby allowing the belt (300) to be moveable.



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